

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 29 APRIL 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** J Williams (chair), A Williams, J Rowlands, A Cooke, M Powell, E Hall, K McElroy, N Knowland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk), PC Thorpe CC Bob Greenland

**APOLOGIES:**

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Thorpe presented the incidents for the month (see end of minutes). PC Thorpe then provided more information and documentation regarding the creation of the cold calling control zones. She informed the meeting that 70% of people in an area or street needed to be in favour for it to be put in place. Then it will cost £60 per sign to be put on lampposts at the entrance to the area/street.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 25 March agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Report from CC Greenland re; domestic abuse, clinical futures and welfare reforms – see county councillor section below.
- 3.2 Telephone Kiosks – X2 Connect have forwarded a pro-forma invoice for handles, glass etc. – see finance section below. Cllr A Williams will find out how the community would like to use the kiosk at Cobblers Plain.
- 3.3 Grass cutting – Cllr Rowlands reported that the frequency of cuts of the smaller greens would not make any difference to the price. Meeting agreed to retain the current cutting schedule.
- 3.4 Kevin McElroy put forward a proposal for the funding of the defibrillator to Hood Memorial Hall who were enthusiastic. He reported he had spoken to the supplier and they are happy to attend events to explain the equipment. KM said he was working with the Hall Committee to set up events – one at the village fete and another in an evening to raise funds and awareness. He requested that the Hall Committee wanted to know how much funding would be available from DCC. The meeting agreed an £800 commitment towards the cost and the events should be publicised across the whole community including Itton.
- 3.5 Highways form (sent 28/2/13) received back from MCC.
- 3.6 Waste and recycling changes. Notified by MCC that an officer/councillor will attend the May 20 meeting. However as this is the AGM it was agreed that clerk will contact MCC to change the date to the June meeting at Itton where there is more space. Clerk to contact MCC. It was also decided that CC Greenland would ask a representative from highways to come to that meeting to discuss ongoing issues with the speed of response.
- 3.7 Dog Waste bins – have had replies from Clerks in Caldicot and Magor. Cost of one bin appears to be about £200. These councils pay £3 per week per bin to have them emptied by a waste company based in Lydney. It was agreed not to pursue this at the current time as dog owners should be responsible for their pets' waste and take it home with them to dispose of. Clerk to investigate cost of no dog fouling signs.
- 3.8 Outstanding highways issues - CC Greenland reported back on the flooding issue at Wesley Way to say that the hold up is that MCC are waiting for permission from a landowner to put in place a soak away into a local stream. If that is not forthcoming there could be a much more expensive alternative which would then have to be added to the list of priorities.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 28/4/13 Current; £4299.05 Notice: £ 275.44*

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AW  
Clerk's expenses for March, £17.70 cheque no.101259  
X2 Connect Ltd – supplies for telephone kiosk, £362.22, 101260  
One Voice Wales subscription, £115, cheque no. 101261  
MCC clerks salary reimbursement including admin fee, £773.19, cheque no 101262
- 4.2 Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for April, £258.53, to be accrued.

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- 4.3 Cheque received from AONB for grant towards phone kiosk refurbishment at Itton. Clerk to return it as is made out to Itton Community Council.
- 4.4 Chair Signed off annual accounts and reconciliation. Will now go to internal audit.

## 5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Wye Valley AONB Picturesque. Distributed
- 5.2 MCC – Confirmation of emergency contact director. Clerk to confirm remains the same.
- 5.3 MCC Chairman's sponsored swim. No action
- 5.4 Wales Royal observatory services survey. No action.
- 5.5 Email from Rebecca Wheeler regarding allotments and the waiting list. Suggesting lobbying the council for more space to designate as allotments. Councillors noted that DCC only owns the existing allotment land and has no further land or the possibility of funding the purchase of any. Clerk to reply to Ms Wheeler.

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Following plan approved by MCC –
- 6.1.1 DC/2012/00835 Change of use to equestrian and stable, Land near Gaerllwyd Farm, Newchurch.
- 6.1.2 DC/2013/00143 Erection of bust of John Wesley
- 6.1.3 DC/2013/00035 Single storey extension, Winslow Barn, Kilgwrrwg
- 6.1.4 DC/2012/01043 Alterations and extension – The Nest Devauden
- 6.2 DC/2012/01043 Alteration and extensions, The Nest Devauden –Decision already taken by MCC – delegated to an officer.
- 6.3 DC2013/00063 Kitchen extension Coed Yr Awel Coal Road Devauden - Sent to JW but never received. JW will check online and contact clerk if any objections, otherwise recommend approval.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor reported that the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator from MCC is giving presentation to community councils if required.

Clinical Futures Llanfrechfa critical care unit – Local Health Board's view is if you don't go ahead soon could lose funding and the consultation is ongoing.

Welfare Reform – from 1 April there are Welfare changes whereby people are having housing benefit reduced if they live in a property larger than their needs, to reduce overcrowding elsewhere. There is a discretionary personal payment fund for those who may face difficulties and housing support officers are working on this to protect the most vulnerable.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Agenda for area meeting of 11 April and minutes of 10 January. File.

Copies of the Voice newsletter distributed.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

All issues raised by the councillors are forwarded to MCC or other appropriate bodies for action if required.

AC – Kilgwrrwg Walk of unrecorded tracks and would like to put photos of it on DCC's files as a record.

JR – Reported had been complaints about overgrown hedges at 15 Wesley Way, 14 Churchfields and School House.

Clerk to write to owners.

JW- Asked CC Greenland if any funds were available from MCC to help fund the defibrillator. CC Greenland said MCC does not have a councillor's fund but would make some enquiries.

EH- A new track across a field has been developed at junction of 59.2 and 59.3 near Coed Llyfos Farm in Itton. Clerk to contact enforcement officers.

MP – Requested that clerk contacts enforcement to check progress on E13/006 at Fox and Hounds.

KM – Stacey Harris of MCC regarding the numbers on Wesley Way has contacted him to produce a plan and comments made by KM/JR and is hoping to have signs available soon.

**Meeting closed: 9.30 pm**

**Next Meeting:** 20 May 7pm AGM

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**Meeting dates 2013 – all start at 7pm**

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Apr 20 May – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden

24 Jun, 29 Jul, 19 Aug - All Itton Hall

30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 30 Dec – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden

Devauden and Itton incidents between 24<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

28/03 – road traffic incident on the B4293 between Itton and Devauden – one lorry in a ditch, no injury.

01/04 – a report was received of kids having lit a large fire near the parking area of Fedw Wood, Devauden. Fire Brigade dealt with it.

04/04 – electrical fire reported at the Curre Hunt Kennels, Itton – mainly smoke damage, no injury.

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